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and weightlifting programs. Jeremy is also a member of the Varsity Track team. In addition, Jeremy has been involved with the International Club and the Sandusky High School band. He has also served as a volunteer at the Sandusky Community Police Station.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to Jeremy L. Haas. Our service academies offer the finest education and military training available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Jeremy will do very well at the Air Force Academy and I wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

POEM BY SOL AXELROD

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I share a poem written by my constituent Mr. Sol Axelrod of Commack, New York. The Merchant Marines have served as the sixth Armed Force of our country. Mr. Axelrod beautifully describes our ocean-going Patriots who have laid down their lives for freedom. As Memorial Day approaches, I thought his words were particularly moving.

Forever at Rest

Yes, I recall that fateful day
A mighty force had struck my way.
Being thrust upon the deck,
With no feeling in my legs or neck
"Abandon ship", a voice cried out
I could not stir or even shout.

Merchant seamen rest in the deep
Heroes in eternal sleep
Confined to a watery grave.
Patriots, bold and brave.

To my regret, I cannot leave.
There is no consolation for those who
grieve—

Here forever, I am part of the sea
Having given my life for others to be free.

HONORING SHOLL'S CAFETERIA, A
WASHINGTON LANDMARK

HON. CLIFF STEARNS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on March 15th, I joined in celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of Sholl's Cafeteria. Sholl's is more than a business, it is a cherished institution here in Washington.

One of the most important family rituals is eating together, joining together in a daily activity and discussing the events of the day and the plans for tomorrow. Sholl's provides this family atmosphere by providing a place for people to come together in an enjoyable environment, to share in taking a meal and to experience the sense of community.

I would like to submit for the RECORD this poem by John Seitz which honors this Washington landmark.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ODE TO SHOLL'S CAFETERIA

(By John R. Seitz)

Come bring along a friend to Sholl's. Liver and onions! Ah, the rolls! The chopped steak is the best in town. Meatloaf or blue fish share renown.

Some folks favor the rhubarb pie. While pumpkin's what others swear by. Something lighter you might savor Is egg custard, rich in flavor.

Water glasses catch the eye, Sparkling with ice as you go by. Coffee is smooth from cup to cup, Whichever time of day you sup.

Is breakfast the meal you prefer? The eggs will suit without demur. The bacon's always crisp and done. Waffles, pastries, suit everyone!

So grab a tray, and step in line. The wait's not long, and you'll do fine. Sit where you like, then dig right in, Your tasty meal waits to begin.

Now you may hear, a threatening fear, That Sholl's could close and disappear. It's true; but Sholl's is open now. It plans to stay, and here is how.

Patrons, diners, all who should Step forth for food that's cheap and good, Promote tradition with these goals! So "S.O.S."—"Support Our Sholl's!"

EXTENSION OF REMARKS CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAN

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, ten percent of the citizens of the Islamic Republic of Iran are members of religious minority groups. According to the State Department and internationally recognized human rights organizations, religious minorities in Iran—including Sunni Muslims, Baha'is, Christians, and Jews—have all been the victims of human rights abuses simply because of their religious beliefs. More than half the Jews in Iran have been forced to flee that country since the Islamic Revolution of 1979 because of religious persecution.

Five Jews have been executed by the Iranian government in the past five years without having been tried. There has been an increase in anti-Semitic propaganda in the government-controlled Iranian press. I want to express my concern today about the thirteen Jews who Iran accused of spying for the United States and Israel and who were arrested on the eve of Passover in 1999. These men are currently being held in an Iranian jail, and although their trial has already begun, they have still not been charged. Further, contrary to Iranian law, these prisoners have been denied the right to choose their own legal counsel, and ten of the defendants have been imprisoned for over a year without any legal representation.

Both Israel and the United States have denied that these men were spying on their behalf. But, this case is indicative of the continued concern I have regarding Iran. From the continuing development of long range missiles capable of striking our friends and allies in the Middle East, to the lack of basic human rights

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and freedom for the Iranian people, to support for terrorists who target Americans, Iran persists in engaging in a pattern of unacceptable behavior that should cause all of us great apprehension.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in expressing alarm about Iran. It is my hope that the thirteen Jews currently being held on these trumped up espionage charges will be accorded their basic legal rights and that Iran will release all prisoners held on the basis of their religious beliefs.

HONORING MILES LERMAN

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, after 22 years of dedicated service, Miles Lerman will soon step down as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. At the end of this month, the Museum will be honoring his extraordinary commitment and dedicated leadership.

I would like to join with Mr. Lerman's friends and colleagues in saluting his years of service not just to our Nation, but for the cause of justice throughout the world.

During World War II, Mr. Lerman fought the Nazis as a partisan in the forests of southern Poland. Upon liberation, he returned to his native town only to discover that his mother and siblings had been murdered.

After the War, he rebuilt his life in the United States, with his wife Chris, a survivor of Auschwitz.

Mr. Lerman has long been prominent in Jewish leadership, for which he received the medal of achievement from the Prime Minister of the State of Israel.

In 1980 he was appointed by President Carter to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, to build a national Holocaust Memorial Museum in tribute to the victims of Nazi atrocities. He has been reappointed repeatedly by subsequent presidents. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is now the largest single repository of Holocaust artifacts in the world outside of the Nazi death camps.

In recognition of these achievements, President Clinton appointed Miles Lerman as Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing body of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Mr. Lerman has also received numerous honors throughout his distinguished career, including the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Department of the Army, May 15, 1996; The Inaugural Israeli Bonds Freedom Award, the State of Israel Bonds, Washington D.C. June 5, 1994; the Jules Cohen Memorial Award, Jewish Community Relations Council, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for commitment to international human rights and holocaust education, March 3, 1994; Commander's Cross (the highest award for a non-citizen of Poland), presented by Lech Walesa, President of the Republic of Poland, April 3, 1993; the Partisans Cross, for bravery in combat with the Nazi invaders, presented by the Order of Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland,